

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the period 1999-2000 and 2000-01, the independent process houses including medium scale process houses attracted compounded rate of excise duty on stenter/chamber basis. Under the scheme during the year 1999-2000, processing units whose average value of processed fabric was upto Rs. 30/- sq. mtr., the excise duty payable was Rs. 1.50 lakh per chamber per month. In case of average value of processed fabric exceeding Rs. 30/- sq. mtr., the excise duty payable was Rs. 2.00 lakh per chamber per month. During the year 2000-01 these rates were revised upwards to Rs. 2 lakhs and Rs. 2.5 lakh per chamber per month respectively. The impact of duty depended on the type, quantity and the value of the fabrics processed by the independent medium scale process house. In the current budget 2001-02, the stenter/chamber based duty has been withdrawn and advalorem rate of duty of 16% [BED 8% + AED(ST)] has been imposed with facility for deemed Cenvat credit @ 25% and 45% of aggregate duty in respect of cotton fabrics and other fabrics respectively. The advalorem rate of duty is same as applicable on process houses of composite mills.

As regards impact of import policy, most of the critical processing machinery are covered under specified 159 textile machinery which were attracting concessional rate of basic import duty of 15% during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-01 as against normal applicable rate of import duty of 25%. In the current budget 2001-02, the concessional rate of import duty has been reduced to 5%. The grey and processed fabric can be imported on payment of applicable rate of import duty.

Pucca Work-Shed-Cum-Pucca-Houses for Handloom Weavers

1308. **SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's state-wise schemes for allotting pucca Workshed cum pucca-houses for handloom weavers as work sites as well as houses for the worker; and

(b) the number of such houses and sheds allotted during the last five years, State-wise and future plan therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The Government of India is implementing the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme to provide suitable workplace and dwelling units for handloom weavers in the country.

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(b) The number of Workshed/Workshed-cum-Houses sanctioned to different State Governments during the last five years is given below. The Government intends to continue the Scheme in the next Five Year Plan also.

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Number of Units Sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11166
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1209
3.	Assam	2799
4.	Bihar	2500
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1923
6.	J&K	364
7.	Karnataka	8285
8.	Kerala	1930
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2168
10.	Maharashtra	4030
11.	Manipur	5096
12.	Meghalaya	193
13.	Mizoram	320
14.	Nagaland	6292
15.	Orissa	6944
16.	Rajasthan	3535
17.	Sikkim	1000
18.	Tamil Nadu	7352
19.	Tripura	1330
20.	Uttar Pradesh	2700
21.	West Bengal	5500

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED
QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 5TH MARCH, 2001***

High rise buildings in the capital

*141. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the high rise buildings in the Capital may collapse in the event of an earthquake causing loss of life and property; and

* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 5th March, 2001 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 7th March, 2001.